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Applicant: Shapiro, et al : Art Unit: 3629
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For: Payment Systems and Methods for :
Earning Incentives Using at Least :
Two Financial Instruments :
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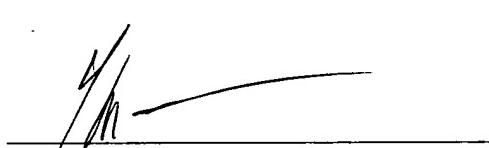
STATUS REQUEST

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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on December 30, 2003. We respectfully request a status inquiry and estimated examination date on the above-identified patent application. A copy of this request is enclosed for the purpose of reporting the results of the status inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,



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